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Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Jan. 8, 1921.

Policies in force.....	45, 142, 893
Number of death claims.....	7, 362
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	8.5

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1920.

The accompanying table is reprinted, by permission, from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for December, 1920. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000.

Although these rates apply to a selected group, they give comparative mortality conditions for the periods covered.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 for principal causes, October and November, 1920, and year 1919.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Rate per 100,000 lives exposed.		
	November, 1920.	October, 1920.	Year 1919.
Total, all causes.....	813.7	793.7	1,063.0
Typhoid fever.....	9.0	10.6	7.3
Measles.....	2.1	1.2	3.5
Scarlet fever.....	6.8	2.7	3.9
Whooping cough.....	2.6	4.9	3.2
Diphtheria.....	30.4	22.1	20.9
Influenza.....	5.5	5.6	96.9
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	109.7	115.1	156.5
Cancer.....	67.7	71.9	67.0
Meningitis (all forms).....	4.0	4.4	6.4
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	54.8	50.6	59.8
Organic diseases of heart.....	101.6	94.2	113.9
Pneumonia (all forms).....	51.9	37.9	117.2
Other respiratory diseases.....	14.6	12.1	17.0
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	14.3	22.2	16.9
Bright's disease.....	63.0	61.7	73.5
Puerperal state.....	14.9	17.2	20.0
Suicides.....	5.8	6.8	6.8
Homicides.....	5.1	6.4	6.9
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	58.9	56.4	80.4
Traumatism by automobile.....	14.5	13.9	10.7
War deaths.....	.4	.1	16.6
All other causes.....	191.0	189.8	184.9